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Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication;
Broadband PCS C and F Block Installment
Payment Restructuring: WT Docket No. 97-82

Dear Ms. Salas:

NextWave Telecom Inc.

Yesterday, on behalf of NextWave Telecom Inc. ("NextWave" or "Company"), Ms. Janice Obuchowski and Ms. Charla Rath discussed issues in the above-referenced proceeding with Mr. Paul Misener of Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth's office. In addition, undersigned counsel discussed such issues with Mr. John Nakahata of Chairman Kennard's office. The views expressed by NextWave's representatives reflect the positions and ideas previously presented to the Commission in the Company's written filings, which are part of the public record in the proceeding.

In particular, NextWave's representatives respectfully requested that the Commission provide C-block licensees a viable means of paying suspension interest for the period that their licenses have been frozen in the FCC restructuring proceeding. The Company believes that a suspension interest payment requirement is a harsh penalty on licensees, given that they have had no ability to use their licenses due to the uncertainty created by the proceeding. NextWave's representatives pointed out that the financial community views suspension interest as a penalty, and that investors want to see new capital used to build out networks, not pay penalties. Devising a commercially reasonable means of addressing the suspension interest issue is a key to ensuring that C-block companies have a reasonable opportunity to access capital markets.

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In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, an original and two copies of this filing are being submitted to you today. Please direct any questions concerning this matter to me at 202-347-2771.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael R. Wack".

Michael R. Wack
Vice President & Senior Counsel

cc: Paul Misener
John Nakahata